

Montana Department of Environmental Quality
SB 489 Quarterly Report to EQC
May 18, 2006

Background:

SB 489 provides \$1.25 million from the orphan share fund. DEQ must use the money to contract with an environmental consulting firm to complete a comprehensive remedial investigation and feasibility study for Kalispell Pole & Timber, Reliance Refinery, and Yale Oil Corporation. Any left-over money goes toward cleanup at the sites.

Progress Since Last Quarter:

- Tetra Tech (DEQ's environmental consulting firm) completed the remedial investigation work plan for DEQ
 - Tetra Tech is currently in the field collecting data for the remedial investigation
- Note: One potentially liable person noted that the SB 489 remedial investigation should be completed in phases to optimize results and limit expenditures. This was not possible given the legislative deadlines provided in the bill.

SB 489 Expenditures:

- Estimated project costs \$1,163,279.77
- Expenditures to date \$295,264.53

Note: Tetra Tech projects that future costs will be more than originally anticipated. The bids received for monitoring well installation exceeded Tetra Tech's estimates. DEQ is working with Tetra Tech to identify cost-saving measures. Although current phases may cost more than initially estimated, future phases may cost less. It is unclear at this time if current funding will be sufficient to complete every phase of the project.

Actions Completed to Date:

Action Item	Deadline	Date Completed
Consult with PLPs	None	May 27, 2005
Contract In Place	August 31, 2005	July 1, 2005
Consult with PLPs	None	August 16, 2005
EQC Quarterly Report	Fall 2005	September 15, 2005
Complete Data Summary Report	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2005
EQC Quarterly Report	Winter 2005-2006	January 12, 2006

Consult with PLPs	None	January 12, 2006
Consult with PLPs	None	February 10, 2006
Complete Remedial Investigation Workplan	None	March 22, 2006
Consult with PLPs	None	March 23, 2006
Initiate Field Work	None	April 10, 2006
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Questions:

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